In the claims:

- 1. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) A composite article comprising a polyolefin layer, a tielayer, and a non-polyolefin, wherein said tie-layer comprises:

wherein represents a polyolefin segment;

 $R_1 \ \text{independently for each occurrence represents an} \ \underline{\text{bivalent}} \ \text{organic} \ \underline{\text{moiety}} \ \text{or a}$ bond:

R₂ independently for each occurrence represents an <u>bivalent</u> organic moiety, or a bond:

R is <u>selected</u> independently for each occurrence represents an organic moiety <u>from</u> the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynl, halogen, aralkyl, aryl, polycyclyl, and carbocycles:

 X_1 independently for each occurrence represents a moiety that is capable of bonding to said non-polyolefin by a chemical reaction; and

z represents the number of linkages between the $Si(R)_{3\text{-}z}$ moieties, and is an integer from 1 to 3.

 (Currently Amended) A composite article comprising a polyolefin layer, a tielayer, and a non-polyolefin, wherein said tie-layer comprises:

$$\frac{\xi}{\xi} - R_1 - \left[Si(R)_2 - R_1\right]_p Si(R)_2 - R_1 - X_1$$

wherein represents a polyolefin segment;

 R_1 independently for each occurrence represents an <u>bivalent</u> organic <u>moiety</u> or a bond:

R is <u>selected</u> independently for each occurrence represents an organic moiety <u>from</u> the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynl, halogen, aralkyl, aryl, polycyclyl, and carbocycles;

 X_1 independently for each occurrence represents a moiety that is capable of bonding to said non-polyolefin by a chemical reaction; and

p is an integer from 0 to about 1000.

 (Currently Amended) A composite article comprising a polyolefin layer, a tielayer, and a non-polyolefin, wherein said tie-layer comprises

wherein or represents a polyolefin segment;

 $R_1 \ independently \ for each \ occurrence \ represents \ a_{\mbox{\scriptsize n}} \ \underline{bivalent} \ or \ \underline{ganic} \ \underline{moiety} \ or \ a$ bond;

R is <u>selected independently</u> for each occurrence represents an organic from the group <u>consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynl, halogen, aralkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, polycyclyl, and <u>carbocycles</u>; and</u>

 X_1 independently for each occurrence represents a moiety that is capable of bonding to said non-polyolefin moiety <u>by a chemical reaction</u>;

- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Canceled)

- (Original)The composite article of claim 2, wherein for each occurrence, R₁ and R₂
 and are selected independently from the group of consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, and
 alkynyl, -O-, alkoxy, aryl, polycyclyl, carbocycles, and a bond.
- (Original)The composite article of claim 2, wherein R₂ for each occurrence independently represents an acetyl moiety, alkyl ether, arylether, -O-, or a bond.
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim 7 10, wherein z is 1.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim 7 40, wherein z is 2.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim 7 40, wherein z is 3.
- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 2, wherein X₁ comprises a vinyl, epoxy or amine moiety.
- 16. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim <u>3</u> 16, wherein R is –O-alkyl or -O-H.
- 18. (Original) The composite article of claim 3, wherein R₁ is selected independently, for each occurrence, from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl, O-, alkoxy, aryl, heterocyclyl, polycyclyl, carbocycles, and a bond.
- 19. (Canceled)
- (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim <u>3-19</u>, wherein X₁ comprises a vinyl, epoxy or amine moiety.

- 21. (Original) The composite article of claim 4, wherein for each occurrence, R₁ is selected independently from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl, -O-, alkoxy, aryl, heterocyclyl, polycyclyl, carbocycles, and a bond.
- 22. (Canceled).
- 23. (Currently Amended) The composite article of claim 4 22, wherein X₁ comprises a vinyl, epoxy or amine moiety.
- (Previously Presented) A composite tube, comprising the composite article of claim
 2.
- 25. (Canceled)
- 26-28. (Canceled)